

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

YVONNE OWENS-MORRIS,

Defendant.

CR 12-49-M-DLC

ORDER

United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch entered Findings and Recommendation in this matter on April 30, 2013. Neither party objected and therefore they are not entitled to de novo review of the record. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); United States v. Reyna-Tapia, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003).

This Court will review the Findings and Recommendation for clear error.

McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc., 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” United States v. Syrax, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Judge Lynch recommended this Court accept Yvonne Owens-Morris's guilty plea after Owens-Morris appeared before him pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, and entered her plea of guilty to one count of theft of government money in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641 (Count I), as set forth in the Indictment. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss Counts II and III of the Indictment.

I find no clear error in Judge Lynch's Findings and Recommendation (doc. 26), and I adopt them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Yvonne Owens-Morris's motion to change plea (doc. 16) is GRANTED.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2013.



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Dana L. Christensen, Chief District Judge  
United States District Court